



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC)

#### MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2013

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower

Second Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

#### **Council Members, Liaisons & Participants Present**

Anne Morrison (Committee Chairwoman), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Charles Brown, Deborah Lavinsky, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill, Trudy Schuett, C.T. Wright, Michelle Barth, Phil Carll, Larry Clausen, Susan Cypert, Ted Evertsen, Barbara Hill, Steve Laughary, Michele Michaels, Shawn Trobia, Debbie Uptain, Johannah Uriri Glover and Hannele Waissi

#### **Council Members Absent**

George Evanoff, Joy Grainger, Bernadine Hoffman, Diane Joens, Teresa Lopez, Allison Perrin and Tonya Watson

#### **Council Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings, and Berntari Crosby

#### **Guest Present and Signing In**

Tom Fenner

#### **Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of Minutes**

Committee Chairwoman Anne Morrison called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Following a review of the July 11, 2013 SHAC draft minutes, *Charles Brown made a motion to approve as presented; Becky Brimhall-Lepire seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Updates & Discussion on SHAC Initiatives**

##### *Lifespan Respite*

David Besst from the Department of Economic Security's Division of Aging and Adult Services was unable to attend and provided a report on the activities of the Lifespan Respite Program and the Arizona Caregiver Coalition (ACC). According to the report:

1. The ACC is hosting the Third Annual Arizona Respite Summit on November 7<sup>th</sup>;
2. Access to the new Lifespan Respite Voucher will be available in November of 2013 by calling the Caregiver Resource Line (CRL); and

3. The Arizona Respite Registry will offer a comprehensive and current list of people working in direct care who are ready to provide respite and personal care in a variety of settings. A copy of the report provided by Mr. Besst is available for review through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging.

#### *National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA) & Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force*

Phil Carll, Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter, informed the Committee the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released the *2013 Update of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease* on June 17<sup>th</sup>. According to Mr. Carll, the next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Carll stated the Work Groups continue to develop recommendations and that all recommendations are to be submitted to the Task Force by January 2014. According to Mr. Carll, the Task Force will then compile the recommendations along with personal stories and supporting data to create the final strategic plan that will be forwarded to DAAS for inclusion in the next State Plan on Aging.

#### *Hearing Loss*

Michele Michaels, Hard of Hearing Specialist for Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH), gave an update on ACDHH. According to Ms. Michaels, funding for amplified phones and captioned phones can come from a variety of sources. ACDHH provides, free of charge, amplified phones and captioned telephones that do not use the internet, to any hard of hearing or deaf person in Arizona as long as they are an Arizona resident and here legally in the U.S. and have a demonstrated hearing loss. Arizona (ACDHH) pays for the telephone service (AZRS) that provides captioning through landline service only -- while the FCC funds the internet costs for captioned telephone service (for phones that use the internet).

The FCC is considering changes to IP-CTS (Internet-Protocol Captioned Telephone Service). IP-CTS is 'using the internet for the transmission of captioning' via a special captioned telephone provided by private companies. The internet telephone service is funded 100% by the FCC. The FCC may shift that cost to the states. They may also mandate the states to provide this internet captioned telephone service.

ACDHH is investigating a pilot project to provide iPads to persons with hearing loss that could be used with Skype and Facetime and other telephone applications to converse and read lips and receive captioning and may be helpful in telemedicine and home welfare checks.

#### *Oral Health Coalition*

Julia Wacloff was unable to attend.

#### **Discussion and Formulation of Recommendations for 2014 GACA Priorities**

The group reviewed the *2013 SHAC Overview* and then brainstormed on the following potential priorities for 2014:

Review and support the Alzheimer's Task Force recommendations

Track the sunrise process on licensure of non-medical direct care worker agencies (LPCC may take lead)

Promote voucher program and registry and educate others on their funding needs

- Educate consumers on feedback option of voucher and registry

Explore oral health

- Review training of caregivers in licensed settings and utilize information provided by Dr. Johannah Uriri Glover's student
- Consider advocacy for renewal of AHCCCS oral health benefit that impacts larger population (beyond licensed care residents)

Explore social connectedness

- Tie to transportation
- Decrease in psychotropic medications

Consider quality of life for developmentally disabled, intellectually disabled adults with aging caregivers

Advocate for training of first responders regarding interactions with persons with Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders

Explore elder abuse, exploitation with focus on financial institutions in other parts of the state taking prevention tack

Explore possible multi-committee focus (with LPCC & MWC)

A copy of the *2013 SHAC Overview* and the *Discussion and Formulation of Recommendations for 2014 GACA Priorities* are available through the Council on Aging office.

### **Information Sharing on 2013 Senior Action Days**

Council Chairman C.T. Wright gave an update on Senior Action Day planning for events. Mr. Wright informed Committee letters of invitations were sent to legislatures and that a survey is scheduled to be sent to stakeholders for input on top concerns of older Arizonans. Council Chairman Wright reported that Senior Action Day information and flyers have been posted on the GACA website ([www.azgovernor.gov/gaca](http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca)) and the website was displayed to attendees.

### **Announcements**

Michele Michaels announced the Red Cross has scheduled a basic emergency preparedness workshop on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the ACDHH building.

Shawn Trobia, AARP, announced AARP has two informational publications regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA) available to the public. Ms. Trobia also announced the following websites provide information on ACA: [www.healthlawanswers.org](http://www.healthlawanswers.org), [www.healthlawfacts.org](http://www.healthlawfacts.org), and [www.healthcarelawresources.org](http://www.healthcarelawresources.org).

Steve Laughary announced The Maricopa Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance (MEAPA) intergenerational committee has scheduled an interactive program; train the trainers meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> and that new rules affecting assisted living and adult foster group homes programs take effect on October 1, 2013. According to Mr. Laughary, the Board of Examiners

for Nursing Care Institution Administrators has list of approved training programs for certified caregivers.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. by Chairwoman Anne Morrison.

**Next Meeting:**

**The next meeting of the Social, Health & Alzheimer Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for January 2014; location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: [www.azgovernor.gov/gaca](http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca). These meetings are open to the public.**